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Lee E. Cannon

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GAMING
MACHINES WITH A TOURNAMENT PLAY
BONUS FEATURE

Examiner: S. Jones

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.